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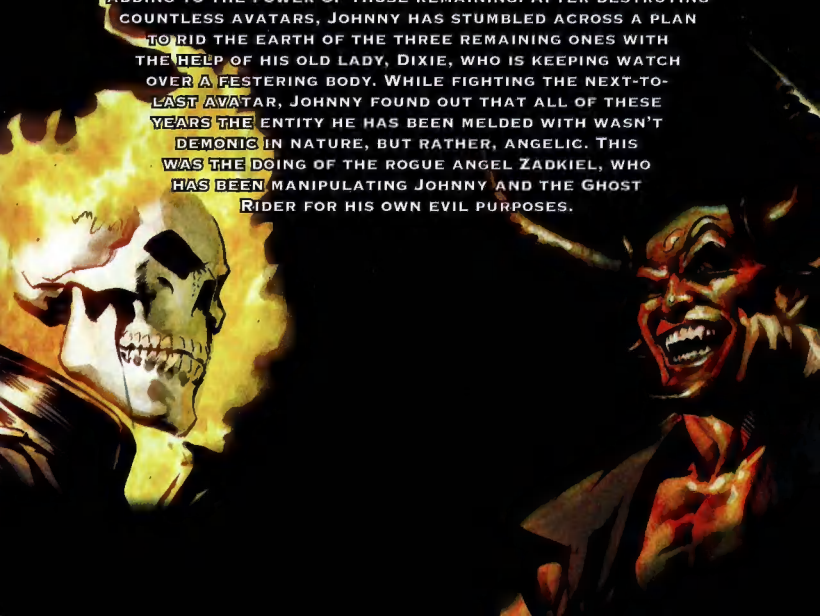
Motorcycle stuntman Johnny Blaze made a deal with the devil. He was cursed to become the Ghost Rider, a spirit of vengeance who hunts down the guilty and dispenses bloody retribution. And when he escaped hell, Johnny inadvertently freed his captor, unleashing him onto the mortal plane. The prince of darkness' essence was shattered into 666 pieces, each of which went on to possess the body of a recently deceased human.

Since then, it has been Johnny's quest to hunt down every last one of Lucifer's avatars, with each destroyed one adding to the power of those remaining. After destroying countless avatars, Johnny has stumbled across a plan to rid the earth of the three remaining ones with the help of his old lady, Dixie, who is keeping watch over a festering body. While fighting the next-to-last avatar, Johnny found out that all of these years the entity he has been melded with wasn't demonic in nature, but rather, angelic. This was the doing of the rogue angel Zadkiel, who has been manipulating Johnny and the Ghost Rider for his own evil purposes.



AWRIGHT, DAISY DUKES-- THIS HERE IS IT!
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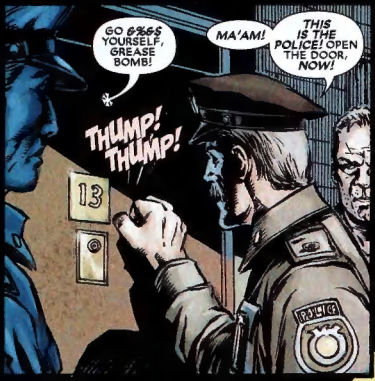
I DONE BROUGHT THE LAW IN!
STEP ASIDE, SIR.


GO &%&$ YOURSELF, GREASE BOMB!
MA'AM!
THIS IS THE POLICE! OPEN THE DOOR, NOW!
THUMP! THUMP!
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POLICE

NO!
OPEN IT.

READY OR NOT, SUGAR-SHORTS, HERE WE--

POW!
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HALF AN HOUR.
HOPEFULLY, THE LAST AVATAR IS STILL CHAINED TO THE BRIDGE WHERE I LEFT--
SKREEEEEEEEECH!
WELL, SO MUCH FOR THAT...
KKRROOOOMMM!

LET'S GET IT ON.

HELL, YEAH...
CHAK-CHAK!
The TUCK 'EM Inn
I TOLD YOU SHE WAS CRAZY, MAN!
I THINK SHE DONE MURDERED ONE O' HER "JOHNS" AN' STUFFED 'IM UP IN THAT ROOM--THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN STINKIN' UP THE PLACE SO DAMN BAD!
SIR, I'M GONNA NEED YOU TO GO AWAY AN' SHUT UP NOW.
OKAY.
NOW, WHO'S TRAINED TO ACTUALLY USE THIS THING?
BOBBY JUNIOR.
WHERE'S HE?
IT'S 'IS DAY OFF--THINK 'E'S UP AT THE LAKE WITH 'IS KIDS.
DAMN...
AH KIN DO IT!
AH DONE READ THROUGH THE MANUAL ONE TIME WHEN I'S ON THE TURLET.
AN' AH'M A REAL GOOD SHOT--Y'ALL KNOW THAT...
The TUCK 'EM Inn
HMMM...

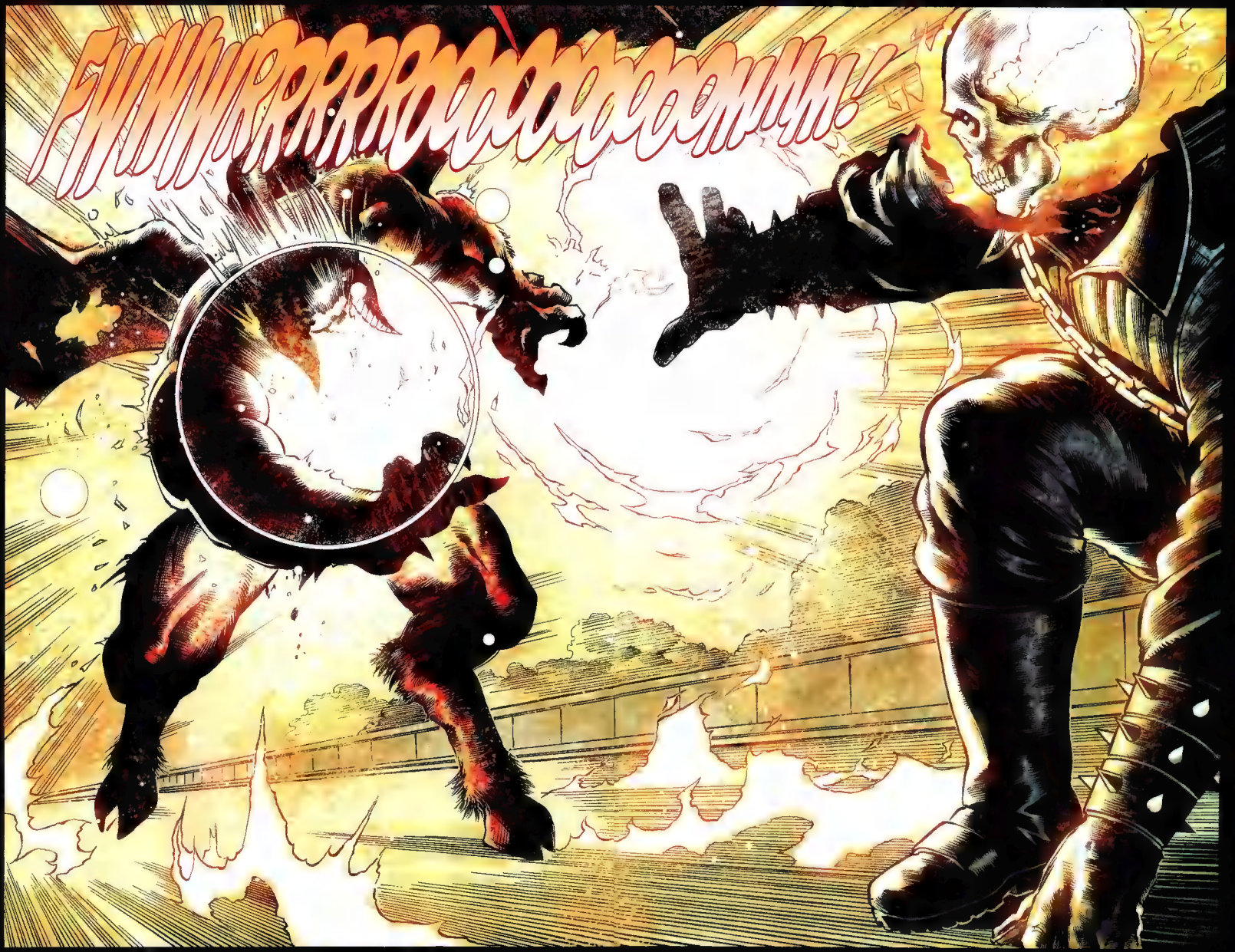
THINK YA GOT T'AIM A BIT HIGHER'N NORMAL--
AH KNOW THAT!
SHUDDUP!
FOOMP!
IPOLI
PWAK!
DANG!
+COUGH!+ +HACK!+
+COUGH!+ +HACK!+
AH'M SORRY, MAN!
AGHK!
AH $$?%ED UP!

YEAH.
YOU &$?%ED UP.
KRACCCGGK!
THUNGK!
UNNNNHH...

JIM!
K-HAK!
HEY, JIM!
WHAT?!
WE, UH, ONLY BROUGHT THE ONE CANISTER O' TEAR GAS... SHOULD WE SEND SOMEBODY T'GET ANOTHER ONE?
NO...I THINK WE LOOKED STUPID ENOUGH THE FIRST TIME AROUND, DON'T YOU?
WELL, YEAH..
LET'S JUST GO IN AN' GET 'ER.
UH... OKAY, THEN.
BUT...
...AIN'T THAT KINDA DUMB?

DUMB.
I TRIED TO MAKE A *DEAL* WITH YOU--TRIED TO *CUT YOU IN*--BUT *NOOO*...
...*YOU HAD TO BE DUMB.*
SURPRISING? NOT REALLY.
I MEAN, AFTER ALL, YOU *ARE* THE *DUMBEST* DUMB-ASS IN THE HISTORY OF DUMB *OR* ASS--
I'M NOT AS DUMB AS *YOU THINK* I AM!
YES, JOHNNY--YOU *ARE!*
PROBABLY *DUMBER*, ACTUALLY!
NO, I'M NOT.

...THIS--THIS ARGUMENT IS DUMB!
ARE WE GONNA FIGHT, OR WHAT?
WELL...?
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!
HOW ABOUT THIS: I'LL GIVE YOU A FREE SHOT. WHY NOT? YOU'VE BEEN A GOOD SPORT...
...SO C'MON--LET ME FEEL THE HEAT.
OH, YOU'LL FEEL IT.
UH-HUH...
...WHEN!?
NOW.


FWWWRRRROOOOOOOMMMM!

KRAK!
WHAT THE DEVIL...?
I HAVE A PLAN.
EXACTLY.
"THE DEVIL."

HA! THAT'S ALL YOU GOT?!
MEH...
H...H...?
"HOW?"
I'LL TELL YOU HOW.
BECAUSE YOU'RE HALF AS STRONG AS YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE.
DUMB-ASS.

THIS IS THE DEVIL.
OR...LIKE... A PART OF THE DEVIL. HALF OF HIM. HALF OF HIS POWER.
ITS BRAIN IS DEAD BUT ME AND...A FRIEND HAVE BEEN KEEPIN' ITS BODY ALIVE.
BUT IN ABOUT...
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..OH, TWO MINUTES...
..I NEED TO KILL IT.
TO SAVE THE WORLD.
DAMN, HONEY... YOU REALLY ARE CRAZY, AIN'T YA?
I DUNNO, JIM...
SURE LOOKS LIKE THE DEVIL T'ME...

BUT I'M, I'M THE DEVIL!
THIS... CAN'T BE HAPPENING...
OH, IT'S HAPPENING ALL RIGHT. A MATTER OF FACT, IT STARTED HAPPENING ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO...
...WHEN I LEFT [illegible] AVATARS
WHICH, WHY YOU COULDN'T "SENSE" AND [illegible] HAS A SPINAL CORD BUT IT'S [illegible] JUST THE SAME
ALIVE ENOUGH, AT [illegible] TO [illegible]ON AWAY HALF OF [illegible] POWER.
HOW'S THAT FOR A PLAN?
[illegible] PART IS [illegible] YOU'RE [illegible] TO HELL KNOWING THAT I, JOHNNY BLAZE...
FWOOOSH!
[illegible] YOU.
JUST PUT THE GUN DOWN, DARLIN'...

SKREEEEEEEE--!
AAAGGGHHH!

EAT RIGHTEOUS LEAD, YA HELLSPAWNED DEMON!
BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!
HOLD YER FIRE, DAMMIT!
HOLD YER FIRE!
HISSSSSSS--!
OH, S@$#!
SHOOT IT S'MORE!
SHOOT IT S'MORE!
BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!
BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!

GAAAHH!
WHICH ONE O' YOU #&%?HEADS SHOT ME?!
UH, JIM...?
LOOKS LIKE YOU AIN'T THE ONLY ONE CAUGHT A STRAY...
AW, DAMN...

EVERYTHING I'VE EVER HAD...
...HAS ALWAYS BEEN TAKEN FROM ME.
MY FAMILY.
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN PRESENTS
CRASH SIMPSON!
22 CAR WORLD RECORD!
MY LIFE.
EVEN MY SOUL.

BUT NEVER MY IDENTITY.
I'M JOHNNY BLAZE.
THE GHOST RIDER.
FWWOOOOOSSHHH!
THE SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE.
AND VENGEANCE WILL BE SERVED.
DO YOU HEAR ME, ZADKIEL?

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